1993 has been well received by the viewers;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the opinion of the viewers in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) No survey has so far been conducted by Doordarshan regarding the impact of the revised fixed point chart introduced by it from 1-1-1993.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Films Devoid of Sex and Violence

3528. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of internationally renowned film maker Ismail Merchant wherein he has urged Government to encourage import of films devoid of sex and violence;

(b) what is the number of films imported during the last two years and what is the number of films which contained such explicit scenes and violence;

(c) what are the reasons for allowing import of such films; and

(d) what measures Government would propose to exercise stricter censorship on such imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) All films, whether Indian or foreign, intended for public exhibition in India are presented for certification to the Central Board of Film Certification. The films thus presented do contain scenes of sex and violence. However, such material in these films as is found objectionable in terms of the guidelines issued by Government for certification of films is deleted before certificates are issued and in cases where the objectionable impact cannot be removed even by deletions, the films are refused certificates. Thus, the number of imported feature films certified by the Board during calender years 1991 and 1992 is as follows :—

Number of imported feature films certified in	1991	1992
Clear 'U' certificate	21	16
'U' certificate with cuts	19	4
Clear 'UA' certificate	6	9
'UA' certificate with cuts	4	3
Clear 'A' certificate	17	20
'A' certificate with cuts	57	28
Total :	124	80

The total length of objectionable material deleted from imported feature films is 2096 metres in 1991 and 1187 metres in 1992. Majority of the deletions relate to vulgarity, obscenity and violence. The certifying authority refused certificates at one stage or the other in respect of 14 imported feature films in 1991 and 4 such films in 1992. Some of them have been certified either in their subsequent revised versions or on the orders of the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal.

(c) and (d) Till 1991-92 the import of feature films was canalised through the National Film Development Corporation Limited. According to the new import policy, effective from 1992-93, import of foreign feature films can be made without a licence by importers other than National Film Archive of India, Film and Television Institute of India and Children's Film Society of India provided the importer has obtained from the Administrative Officer, Central Board of Film Certification, a certificate to the effect that the film has :—

(a) won an award in any of the International Film Festivals notified by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; or

(b) participated in any of the official sections of the notified International Film Festivals; or

(c) received good reviews in prestigious film journals notified by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Thus, only film which satisfy the above "quality" criterion can be imported even after liberalisation of imports. A clear-cut position will emerge only after this new policy is allowed to operate for some more time.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा अफवाहों का खंण्डन किया जाना

3529. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में बम्बई में हुए दंगे के दौरान असमाजिक तत्वों द्वारा बड़े पैमाने पर अफवाहें फैलायी गयी थीं;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन से विशेष बुलैटिनों द्वारा इन अफवाहों का खंण्डन किया था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार भविष्य में कभी भी दंगों के फैलने पर अफवाहों को रोकने के लिए कोई प्रभावी कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) :

(क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (घ) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा अफवाहों का मुकाबला करने और स्थिति को पुनः सामान्य बनाने में सहायता करने के लिए विशेष घोषणाओं/बुलेटिनों सहित कई कार्यक्रम प्रसारित/टेलीकास्ट किए गए ।

(ङ) और (च) यदि भविष्य में ऐसी स्थितियां उत्पन्न होती हैं तो इनसे निपटने के लिए स्थानीय प्राधिकारियों के प्रसारण/टेलीकास्ट सहित आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन इसी प्रकार के उपाय करते रहेंगे ।

Rationalization of Distribution of Advertisement by DAVP

3530. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of the Maharashtra Government having appointed a Committee in 1986-87 to rationalise the distribution of Government advertisements to newspapers and of the Committee having submitted its report the system of distributions of Government advertisement working very well; and

(b) if so, whether Government intends to appoint a similar Committee to rationalise the distribution of advertisements by DAVP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) As per the present information, appointment of such a Committee by the Government of Maharashtra had not come to the notice of the government. The central government however, did appoint an expert committee under the Chairmanship of the Principal Information Officer on 16-7-1987 to suggest measures to rationalise the central government's advertising policy. This committee had submitted its report and the government's advertising policy has since been rationalised pursuant to that report.

News Broadcast in South Indian Languages

3531. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :